

HUNDREDS GIVEN WORK HERE

Factories Hiring Men

Oil Well Machinery Company Busy With New Orders

700 AT TOOL PLANT
Union Boosts Payroll from 400—Derrick Co. Jump from 15 to 125

Hundreds of employes have been added to the payrolls of Torrance plants during the past few weeks. Every company here whose products are sold in the oil industry is rushed with orders which guarantee steady production over an extended period.

At the Union Tool plant 600 men are now working and within a few days the number will be increased to about 700. A month ago only 400 were on the Union Tool payroll.

George Proctor, head of the company's employment department said yesterday that the increase is not just a spurt but the men now being hired will be assured of work over an appreciable period.

The International Derrick and Equipment Company, manufacturers of steel derricks is again working at capacity production. A week ago there were only 15 men on the International payroll. This number has been increased to about 125.

The new Doherty-Stone Drill Plant is also steadily increasing the number of employes. Almost 200 are now employed at this new plant.

Smaller industries catering to the oil trade are also busy. The California Oil Tool Company, manufacturing pump valves, pistons and valve seat pullers, has a large stock of orders on hand.

The Fritts Manufacturing Company, makers of sucker rods and other oil well specialties is also busy.

In Lomita the D. and M. Supply Company is also working at capacity.

All companies are favoring workmen who live here. Scores of local residents whose names were listed at the Chamber of Commerce free employment bureau have been employed by the plants here. As a result of this policy there is practically no unemployment in the Torrance district today.

The rush of business in the oil industry is brought about by developments in California fields. The discovery of a highly productive deep sand at Santa Fe Springs by the Wilshire Oil Company is one of the causes of the rush of orders for machinery. Reports declare that at least 50 new wells will be drilled at "the Springs" at once.

New developments in Kern county and Santa Barbara county are also creating demand for oil well equipment.

With Potrero and Lawndale looking like new oil fields leaders in the industry believe that the oil well machinery business will enjoy prosperity for a long time forward.

Deep Test Here? The Santa Fe Springs discovery has revived talk of a deep sand in the Torrance-Lomita field. It is certain, oil men declare, that a deep test will be made here shortly.

Methods of coring have been so greatly improved during the past year that tests made previous to that time have little or no significance today, according to oil men.

The Santa Fe Springs discovery was possible only because of improved coring methods, it is declared.

The lower levels of the Torrance-Lomita area have never been explored except under edge conditions. The Shell Company's deepest test stopped at 4800 feet.

Observations

Shall Women Have "Extra Rights?"—The Naked Torso Affair at Deauville—Shall the Gals Be "Tied to Our Apron Strings?"

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

CHANGES in human customs brought about by the so-called emancipation of women continue to alarm us.

A study of history will convince anyone that political innovations are invariably accompanied by changes in human habits, modes and viewpoints.

When the United States drew from the arms of woman-kind the shackles which prevented them from marking a ballot, just then women tossed away two or three undershirts, a bushel of whalebone stays, large gobs of artificial hair and a ton of garments. When we gave them the right of suffrage they gave to limbo a heap of unnecessary and cumbersome clothing and personal harness.

NOW, there are many who bemoan the fact that women are dressing sensibly. We are not among them, believing, on the contrary, that one of the boons of feminine emancipation from enforced political silence, has been womanly escape from hampering clothes.

And now that it has become common knowledge that women have less—and that most of them are not altogether attractive—we may sit back easily and praise the fair sex for throwing away their heavyweight dresses and taking on new, shorter and lighter apparel.

AT the same time certain events have transpired which must create disquietude among the males.

Once women were held by men to be delicate things who deserved and required the stalwart protection of the stronger male. Now that they have taken to all kinds of work formerly performed solely by men, that idea is gradually expiring.

THE woman who used to refrain from stepping in a wet street lest she dampen her dainty feet now has one daughter who splashes through ankle deep pools in the rainy season like a wild boar in the bullrushes, and another who swims across wide and stormy ocean channels.

The woman who used to faint on the slightest provocation now has a daughter who runs a lathe in a machine shop.

The girl who used never to appear unchaperoned on the street now has a daughter who drives a sporty roadster to the home of her boy friend and takes him for a ride to a dance hall miles away.

The woman who used to garb herself so completely that one could not even see her instep now has a daughter, who, as someone has remarked, dresses herself so scantily that one can see her steps.

ALL of which men can accept without fear that the growing freedom of women encroaches on masculine liberty.

However, there are certain evidences that as this feminine freedom advances the rights of males will be curtailed.

THE latest testimony to this danger comes from the French watering place of Deauville, where personal and social liberty for both sexes has forever been renowned, not to say notorious.

It seems that the fad of sun-baths struck the French resort heavily. Fair things, seeking the healing solace of warm sunshine, have recently made it a practice to appear on the beach with the upper halves of their bathing suits rolled down to the waist.

So beneficial were the results of this exposure to the ladies that men quickly adopted the custom, and the beach at the resort soon was dotted with fat and hairy-chested males, reclining in health-giving comfort on the strand, naked to the belt-line.

THE fair sex has always demanded "equal" and not extra rights with men and the ladies at Deauville might have been fair enough to decide that what was a sunbath for the goose ought to be a sunbath for the gander.

Not so. Not so at all. An instant, a loud protest arose from the lips of the feminine contingent.

The fat paunches of overfed males, unclothed, offended the artistic senses of the fair one. Hairy chests jarred the feminine aesthetic viewpoint. In chorus they objected to the powers at Deauville.

QUICK was the response. Gendarmes appeared on the strand, ordered every male to cover up his chest and hide the indecencies of the masculine torso.

But the fair ones continued to appear naked to the waist without molestation.

NOW we ask you, is that fair? If the sun is required to pour health into feminine bodies, is it not also a requisite to the male? And if the ladies are permitted—for purposes of health—to recline ungarbed to the waist, why should the men be forced to cover their chests?

The idea is revolutionary. Carried further it might result in masculine inhibitions which would turn Hannibal, Alexander, Caesar and Napoleon over in their tombs.

IS the day dawning when women shall parade forth with three-quarters of themselves exposed while men will be forced to don masks to protect their delicate complexions from the rays of Sol? Heaven forbid!

WE rise in protest against the Deauville order. As a male who is willing to grant the gals equal rights we lodge objection against any movement which shall give them more liberty than we enjoy.

Not that we personally desire the right to loiter about in our sanctum with our bony and rather meagre chest exposed to the view of all passersby. Perish the thought. But we do insist that the feminine contingent be forced to cover up too.

After all there should be some mysteries to this matter of sex. And after all again there really is less intimate anatomy on a man's bosom than on a woman's.

BUT even leaving that out of consideration, we males must object to the special privilege accorded the ladies because it is a fundamental and significant first move in a subtle campaign to grind us under the heels of this great feminine movement.

If we don't watch out the women will soon change the whole fabric of human customs. We will stay home and take care of the baby, sweep the floor, wash the dishes, cook the meals, while the women fare forth to win the bread.

GENTLEMEN, beware! If the women have power enough to make us cover up our chests while they remain uncovered their next step will be to make us wear skirts while they don the breeches.

Before long an effeminate man may be the most masculine and the mannish woman the most feminine.

May the day be distant, gentlemen, when the old sayings are changed in such a way that it shall be said of the woman who leans on her husband that "she is tied to her husband's apron strings" or is trying "to hide be hind a man's petticoats."

GAS! POISON GAS!

A GAIN we find it necessary to sit down to our typewriter and search out keys which no self-respecting editor loves to touch—keys which will transfer into print another exposure of the mean methods by which William T. Klusman seeks to convince the people of Torrance that he has a monopoly on ideas good for Torrance and that their respectable fellow-townsmen are blackguards.

In doing this we feel like we felt when we used to don our gas mask in France to protect the decency of good lungs from poison. Now, in civil life we find deadly gas once more. And once more we must needs adopt a most unpleasant method of protecting ourselves and others from the poison attack.

MR. KLUSMAN'S latest exploit in the field of slam-bang journalism publishes more intimations and inferences against many men whose only reward for civic duty is to receive Klusman-thrown mud.

Referring to a perfectly normal and legal meeting of private citizens, which was not closed to the public and not even to Mr. Klusman a number of citizens discussed the subject of light posts.

In his inspired report of this gathering Mr. Klusman missed all of the main points and centered entirely, and as usual, on personal inferences against individuals. Let us study his latest blathering.

"Dr. Shidler," declared the sheetlet, "made certain accusations to which Harold Kingsley took exception and he requested Dr. Shidler to withdraw them, but Dr. Shidler refused." Here is the truth:

Dr. Shidler's "accusation" was that he favored companies which had not reduced their original pre-estimates and he believed that any company which had was not doing business in accordance with the highest standards of ethics.

Mr. Kingsley did take exception to this, explaining that two companies cut their bids, at the request of the lighting committee which had resolved to secure the lowest prices possible for the people of Torrance.

Klusman declares that Dr. Shidler was again asked to withdraw his "accusation" and refused. Wrong again, Sir William. The incident was of so little importance that everyone forgot it immediately until your mud-hurling sheetlet tried to interpret it as meaning that Dr. Shidler accused somebody or other of something or other.

Readers of the Klusman sheet, take notice of this. Klusman talks at length of this "accusation" but he doesn't have a word to say directly concerning what it was about. He couldn't. There wasn't any accusation. That's why. His back-door, indirect, hateful attacking method once more.

He declares that "the Torrance public is much interested in what it (the accusation) was."

"The accusation" as Klusman so falsely calls it was just as reported above.

Terrible, isn't it, friends of the welfare of Torrance? What a calamity has befallen our city when such dreadful "accusations" can happen.

And yet the very fact that this human gas projector links the names of reputable citizens with such terms as "accusation" implies much which must in justice be bared to its naked falsity.

REPEATEDLY Mr. Klusman has alluded in guarded, hinting terms to a deplorable incident at the Torrance Elementary school, seeking to make the public believe that reputable Torrance citizens condone an attack on a young girl of six years by an elderly man.

The truth regarding this incident which Mr. Klusman never has printed is as follows:

A janitor at the school fondled a little girl. He did not attack her. The matter was reported to the police. The police were pleaded with by the parents of the child. The parents begged that no arrest be made, because the story, garbled and distorted would follow the child through life. The parents urged with all the seriousness

they could muster that the elderly man be sent out of town and no action started. They had other children in school and said the incident if made public would injure all of their children and they would be forced to leave town.

The chief of police consulted with the district attorney on the matter. Acting on the advice of the district attorney's office the man was ordered out of town.

At the time two Torrance men, out of pity for the parents of the child, asked Mr. Klusman, as man to man, as gentleman to gentleman, not to bare the facts on account of the future of the child.

Hatefully he has since attacked these two men repeatedly for their decent action as gentlemen and honorable citizens.

The cruelty of Klusmanism would bare the facts despite the consequences. The vengeance of the state would have been more important than the life of an innocent child.

Not one man of decency in the world but would rise in righteous wrath at the actions of the old man in the case. But not one man of decency would ruin the life of a child in order to vent his wrath. Restraint is often more difficult than anger. It was in this case. It is deplorable for Torrance that Mr. Klusman cannot at least once in a while exercise a little more of it.

THE HERALD strives to be a self-respecting newspaper. It is our endeavor to reflect the activities of this community and district with honesty. It is likewise our endeavor not to delve into filth-pots as Klusmanism has forced us to do.

A newspaper should be just what the name implies, a paper which prints news. This news is divided into many classes. Chief among them are the following types of (Continued on Last Page)

COLUMBIA WORKER KILLED

Harry D. Fenn Dies in Hospital from Injuries Suffered Tuesday

BIG CRANE BREAKS BACK

Victim of Mishap Lived in Glendale; Leaves Widow and 4 Children

Harry D. Fenn, aged 44, father of four children, died at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital Tuesday night from injuries received in an accident at the Columbia Steel Corporation's plant here.

Tuesday afternoon, Fenn, who was an electrician was repairing some wiring near the track of one of the large overhead cranes which carry steel up and down the mill. Fenn was clinging to the steel structural work of the building and was out of sight of the crane operator.

The moving crane scraped all the flesh off Fenn's back, and broke several ribs and his spine.

The injured man was rushed to the hospital in the St. Louis and Myers ambulance. He died shortly after 7 o'clock. Fenn lived in Glendale.

Ball Team Will Open New Series

Tansey Crew Will Meet Pacific Electric Nine Aug. 12

Torrance baseball fans are looking forward with interest to Sunday, Aug. 12, when the Torrance baseball team will play the opener in a series of games.

The C. C. M. O. ball grounds will be the scene of the contest, with the fast Pacific Electric team furnishing the opposition. The Torrance team has just finished a season of league games, dropping the last one played Sunday, July 29 against the Los Angeles Moose at Bell by a score of 6 to 2. Manager Ed Tansey's men gave a good account of themselves during the series, and finished third in the league standing with a percentage of .600.

Indoor Teams in Tie on Top Rung

The second half of the Industrial league season of indoor baseball games, played in Torrance by a number of local teams, closed with the Pacific Electric and the Petroleum Securities teams tied for first place. The winner of the playoff will meet Spud Murphy's Union Tool boys, winners of the first half of the season schedule, this game to decide the championship of the league.

The silver cup to be awarded to the winners of this game is now on display at Ed Tansey's barber shop.

Heaton Is Guilty of Manslaughter

Edgar P. Heaton whose car ran down and killed C. H. Murff and Russell G. Nevius both of Long Beach was tried and convicted of manslaughter and yesterday received sentence in the Long Beach superior court by Superior Judge Daniel Beecher who ruled that the youth must pay \$10 a week for 3 years for the support of the two orphans of Nevius. Judge Beecher gave Heaton his freedom on three years' probation.

Frank Higgins Is Theatre Manager

Frank Higgins of Torrance has been appointed manager of the Torrance theatre and is now busy with his new duties. Mr. Higgins' many friends are congratulating him on his deserved promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. Post Going to Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Post will leave Los Angeles tonight for Flint, Mich., to receive delivery on a new Buick coupe which they will drive back to Torrance, probably by way of Yellowstone.

President Coolidge, speaking in Minnesota interests politicians with a plea against sectionalism. His address, urging the South to forget the differences of the past, and pointing to the assistance given to Dixie by the north during the Mississippi flood, was regarded as a major move in the Republican campaign to break the solid South and win electoral votes from Gov. Al Smith.

William Allen White, militant editor from Emporia, Kas., chairman of the Republican publicity committee, makes a warm attack on Gov. Smith, declaring Smith's record as an assemblyman in New York revealed him in the old days as a friend of the saloon. Smith did not answer and White followed with a list of the Smith votes in the assembly in his early career.

Several prominent Democrats have announced their intention of voting for Hoover. The latest "bolters" are Vance McCormick of Pennsylvania, who managed Woodrow Wilson's campaign for President; and Senator Simmons of North Carolina.

On August 11 at 5 o'clock Pacific Coast time the radio will broadcast the proceedings attendant on the notification of Herbert Hoover of his nomination. He will speak a week following a similar broadcast of the Smith notification will be given to the public. The date of the Smith ceremony will be announced later.

Frank Wykoff, Glendale sprinter, is a boy. He has not run many important races and has become nervous at Amsterdam. In the semi-finals of the 100 meter dash he came in fourth, although the time of the winner was 10 4-5th seconds, a fifth of a second slower than Frank ran the race three times in one afternoon in the American try-outs.

Cameras are pests to people of prominence. Because the news photographers were so bustling and noisy Herbert Hoover, fishing in northern California didn't get a bite.

Dan Moody, red-headed governor of Texas is 35. He first won fame by defeating "Ma" Ferguson for the governorship of the Lone Star state. He repeated with a primary victory Saturday, but must face a runoff next month.

Prisoners in the Blue Ridge State Prison at Houston, Tex., were enjoying a comedy moving picture. Though behind the bars they laughed loudly at the antics of the screen performers. Suddenly there was a flash and a loud blast. Someone had carelessly cast a match into a celluloid film, exploding it. Two prisoners were killed, four were burned probably fatally and seventeen burned seriously.

For ten years the people of the town of Natick, Mass. have been aiding three old ladies, the Misses Electa and Lizette Morse and Sarah Morse Tibbets, sisters. For these three were poor, though of proud descent. They are descendants of George Washington, cousins of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the United States Supreme Court. Up to a year and a half ago they lived in a house 150 years old. It burned. They went to the poor house. Patriots, proud of New England's old families mourned. The other day it was discovered that one of the sisters had \$12,000 in cash in the bank, that the other two had substantial cash assets.

Twice Gene Tunney defeated Mauler Jack Dempsey, yet remained an unpopular champion. Reputed to be a "sweaty-puff" boxer he belied his reputation by smashing Challenger Tom Heeney all over the ring. Still considering himself an unpopular champion he announced his retirement from the ring, left for Europe for a walking trip over the old continent.

A Turkish woman, heavily veiled, stood at the rail of a steamer or plowing its way through the swift waters of the Bosphorus. Suddenly she clutches the rail, lifted herself above it, plunged into the strait. Joseph C. Crow, United States ambassador to Turkey stripped off his coat, plunged into the tide, seized the aged woman, swam with her to the shore. Efforts to resuscitate her failed. She died. Turkish papers sang the praises of the American ambassador.

Alexander Roland Peacock started his career as a department store clerk, rose to the vice presidency of the Carnegie Steel Corporation, amassed millions. One morning his butler served him a cold-storage egg. Peacock that day bought a \$60,000 chicken ranch. He was eccentric. The story of his participation in a half a million dollar card game aboard a trans-Atlantic liner has often been strange as his life. He left \$10,000 to his secretary, \$2500 to his valet, \$100 to each of his sons and \$5 to his wife. He left his daughter a fortune. The will stipulated that any beneficiary who contested it should automatically be cut off from any inheritance.

Four hour drying enamel, \$4.95 gal. Consolidated Lumber Co. adv.

Council to Meet on Tuesday Night

The council will meet on Tuesday night, Aug. 7. The question of street lighting will come up again. Whether the deadlock on the council has been broken has not been announced.

Miss Beth Deininger of Ventura is the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deininger of Carson street for several days.